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Identical letters dated 15 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 15 February 2003 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

I. IAEA inspection team

Group I

A group of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to the Tuwaytha site belonging to the Iraq Atomic Energy Organization. The group inspected the building housing the destroyed Tammuz-1 reactor and a specialized team descended 10.5 metres into the neutron wave chamber of the reactor using ropes. The group then inspected a building that processes radioactive waste. The mission lasted 6 hours, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group, composed of three inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to Khan Dari region west of Baghdad. The group performed car-borne radiation testing at Government warehouses and sites in order to detect any possible radioactivity. The mission lasted 2 hours and 30 minutes, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group III

A third group of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.40 a.m. and proceeded to a jet-engine repair factory belonging to the Ministry of Defence. The group inspected all the factory's facilities and asked about the entities with which it was connected, the types of engines that were tested and repaired, whether the factory contained radioactive material and enquired about the electricity consumed by the factory. The mission lasted 3 hours, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

Group I

One group of five inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Anbar University Faculty of Agriculture in the town of Ramadi. The group inspected the Faculty's laboratories and dairy products factory and asked about research studies conducted on plant pathology and microbiology, as well as about the size of the faculty and student body. The mission lasted 2 hours and 30 minutes, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group of four inspectors set out from the Canal Hotel at 9.30 a.m. and proceeded to the Saddam Centre for Biotechnology Research at Baghdad University. The group checked laboratories and equipment scheduled to be moved elsewhere. sked why the equipment was to be moved and indicated that it should be informed about the scheduled move date. The group then proceeded to the faculty of sciences of Saddam University, where it inspected the Chemistry Department, asked about activities undertaken in the biochemistry laboratory, the origin of the enzyme inhibitors and if the faculty cooperated with hospitals. The mission lasted 1 hour and 30 minutes, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

Group I

A group of seven inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to the Salah al-Din State Company, an affiliate of the Military Industrialization Commission and which is located 120 kilometres north of Baghdad. The group questioned officials about the Sumud and Fath missile parts manufactured at the site, the types and quantities of printed circuit boards produced, the structure of the company and number of staff there. The group then inspected all the company's facilities. The mission lasted 4 hours, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

Group II

A second group of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the precision foundry plant of the 17 Nissan Company, which is owned by the Military Industrialization Commission. The group met factory officials and questioned them about parts manufactured at the site, turbine fans for the Al-Samoud missile, raw materials used in the factory, as well as research and development work conducted there, before going on to inspect all the factory's workshops and facilities. The group returned to the Canal Hotel after completing its mission.

Group III

A third group of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 9.45 a.m. and proceeded to the Nida' State Company, which is owned by the Military Industrialization Commission. The group questioned the company's officials about the production of mixers, how raw materials were obtained and the enterprises that provided support in that regard. The group examined the declarations on the company and then inspected three of its buildings. The mission lasted 2 hours and 30 minutes, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

Ten inspectors travelled by helicopter from the Rashid airfield to the Basra refinery, which belongs to the Ministry of Oil. Upon its arrival, the team held a meeting with officials of the refinery and questioned them about the number of staff

and their high school diplomas and university degrees, the number of laboratories, the changes made since 1998 and new equipment at the refinery. It then compared those replies to the declarations and inspected all the laboratories, storage areas and buildings of the refinery. The mission lasted 3 hours, after which the team returned to the Rashid airfield.

V. UNMOVIC joint inspection team

At 8 a.m. four inspectors travelled by helicopter from the Rashid airfield to the Hadar-2 munitions depot, which belongs to the Ministry of Defence and is located south of Mosul. The inspectors joined the Mosul-based UNMOVIC joint inspection team.

VI. UNMOVIC joint inspection team in Mosul

A team of 12 inspectors left the Nineveh Palace Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Hadar-2 munitions depot, which belongs to the Ministry of Defence and is located south of Mosul. It met there with the UNMOVIC joint inspection team, which had arrived by helicopter from Baghdad. The team met the commander of the depot, went over the plans of the site with him, and inspected the buildings, warehouses, shelters, ammunition containers and piles, as well as the open areas and alleys between the warehouses. It also took photographs of some of the munitions and used a chemical testing device to inspect them. The mission lasted 6 hours, after which the team returned to the Nineveh Palace Hotel.